

*Newark At Brandydes
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CAN YOU AFFORD A 21% RENT INCREASE?

Speak Up NOW to Stop the Fuel Surcharge!

THE NEWARK CITY COUNCIL IS PLANNING TO CUT RENT CONTROL IN NEWARK THIS WEDNESDAY --- WITHOUT EVEN PUTTING IT UP FOR A VOTE! THE COUNCIL IS ABOUT TO ALLOW AN OUTLANDISH RENT INCREASE TO ABSENTEE LANDLORDS --- A 15% FUEL SURCHARGE ON TOP OF THE 6% ANNUAL INCREASE NOW ALLOWED. WE NEED REAL RENT CONTROL IN NEWARK!

NEWARK HAS A MECHANISM FOR HELPING LANDLORDS MEET HANDSHIPS AND INCREASING FUEL AND UTILITY COSTS, THROUGH APPEALS TO THE RENT CONTROL BOARD. BUT LAST YEAR ONLY 120 LANDLORDS IN THE WHOLE CITY APPEALED FOR HEATING SURCHARGES, AND ONLY 48 APPEALED FOR HANDSHIP INCREASES. THIS PROVES THAT LANDLORDS DON'T NEED ANY MORE SURCHARGES. IF THEY COULD PROVE THEY WERE LOSING MONEY, THEY WOULD HAVE APPEALED TO THE RENT CONTROL BOARD --- BUT THEY HAD NO PROOF!

THE FUEL SURCHARGE IS JUST ANOTHER WAY OF INCREASING RENTS IN NEWARK, TO PUSH POOR AND WORKING FAMILIES OUT OF THE CITY.

*Join your neighbors
at the*

**Newark City Council Meeting
March 18, 8 PM, City Hall**

For More Information Call: Diane Lee, 482-6765, Ella Wilson 483-1847
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Committee for Better Housing

STOP ATTACKS ON RENT CONTROL!

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED FUEL-SURCHARGE AND TO HELP ORGANIZE AGAINST IT,
COME TO THE NEXT MEETING OF COMMITTEE FOR BETTER HOUSING. THIS SATURDAY, MARCH 14.

The Committee for Better Housing is fighting for decent housing conditions throughout Newark -- in Sec. 8 new and rehabbed housing, public housing and private housing.

We are outraged that our once sound housing stock is being burned-for-profit, abandoned and allowed to deteriorate. It is being stripped and demolished, leaving us homeless. Our basic city services, social services and education programs are being cut and jobs available to us do not pay decent wages. We see this as a concerted effort of the banks, big corporations, big landlords using the re-developers to push poor and working class Black, Hispanic and White families out of the city -- to make way for the return of people who will pay high rents.

We are not against re-development in Newark, but we say build to meet our needs -- the needs of large families. Build three and four bedroom units to meet the needs of Newark's residents. While we fight for new and rehabbed housing to meet our needs, we also are fighting for maintenance, repair and decent conditions and affordable rents in public and private housing where we live now, ESPECIALLY, THE \$57 MILLION UNSPENT BY THE NEWARK HOUSING AUTHORITY SHOULD BE SPENT IMMEDIATELY TO REPAIR AND UPGRADE APARTMENTS IN PUBLIC HOUSING. LIFT THE FREEZE ON PUBLIC HOUSING RENTALS!

We are working to build a housing movement in Newark to meet the needs of families who live here. We call for the construction and maintenance and repair of housing -- and MAINTENANCE OF RENT CONTROL -- so our families can be healthy, warm and comfortable. Housing must be built for people, not for profit!

The banks, and large corporations working through developers like the Aspen Group, New Communities, and local churches are united in their common interests -- to increasing profits by raising rents in Newark to levels comparable to those in New York City. IT'S TIME FOR US TO UNITE IN OUR COMMON INTEREST --

WE WON'T BE PUSHED OUT OF NEWARK! REBUILD NEWARK FOR US!

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